

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2011

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to respectfully ask for your approval of Governor Steve Beshear's request to declare a major disaster for the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a result of severe storms, flooding, strong winds, and tornadoes beginning on April 20, 2011 and continuing to the present day. We also support his request that this major disaster declaration be cost shared 100% for public assistance categories A-G during this event.

These storms have caused tremendous damage in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, prompting 48 counties and 17 cities to request assistance to date. The scale of this disaster has overwhelmed local responders, and compromised their ability to provide vital services for citizens in affected areas. This is the ninth major disaster in Kentucky in three years.

On behalf of our constituents, thank you for your prompt attention to the federal assistance request from Governor Beshear.

Sincerely,


Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress


Harold Rogers
Member of Congress


Ben Chandler
Member of Congress


Geoff Davis
Member of Congress


John Yarmuth
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